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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [296]

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GENERAL NOTICE.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at  
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE  
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CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00  
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RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents. [83]

THE Underigned have been appointed  
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD  
of UNDERWRITERS.  
ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN  
SHIPPING.

Agents.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
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(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
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WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

## Intimations.

WANTED.

A SITUATION as CLERK, BOOK-  
KEEPER, or GENERAL ASSISTANT,  
by a young man who has had ten years experience  
in China and Japan. Speaks French, English,  
German, Italian and Japanese. Moderate Sal-  
ary required. First-class references.

Apply to

Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1883. [139]

LOST.

AT the RACECOURSE on SATURDAY,  
January 27th a RACE GLASS. The  
Finder will be Rewarded on RETURNING the  
same to  
W. M.  
Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1883. [121]

## Auctions.

HORSE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., will hold an  
Auction, of  
HORSES AND CARRIAGES,  
TO-MORROW,  
the 28th instant, at FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., at the  
Fountain opposite the City Hall (by Permission  
of the CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.)  
Particulars of Lots to be included, should be  
sent to the Auctioneers as soon as possible.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1883. [156]

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOOD-  
WILL and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P.  
MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong  
Hotel, I trust to meet the same Patronage so  
liberally Bestowed upon my Predecessor.  
J. P. MARMANDE.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

## To be Let.

TO LET,  
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

FOUR LARGE ROOMS in Blue Buildings,  
Wanchai, (opposite the Long Pier) lately  
occupied by Mr. H. JOYCE.  
Apply to  
H. H.  
Care of Messrs. SAYLE & Co.  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1883. [103]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.  
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.  
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
No. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [17]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 ROOMS)  
in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas  
and Water laid on; and immediate possession  
can be had.  
For Particulars apply to  
D. NOWROJEE,  
Hongkong Hotel. [18]

## For Sale.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS  
AND  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,  
PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS.  
PICKS. AXES. HATCHETS.  
ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS.  
PATENT BIT-BRACES.  
AUGER-BITS.

DRILLS.

GIMBLETS. SQUARES.  
PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS &  
CHEST LOCKS.

MRS. POTTS' PATENT SADIRONS.

COOKING STOVES.  
FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS' USE.

DRILLING MACHINES.  
BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM. BORING  
TOOLS.

ANVILS, VICES, AND DRILLS COMBINED.  
ANVILS.

VICES.

HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS.  
GLASS CUTTERS.  
SCROLL SAWS.

FAMILY GRINDSTONES.

BLACKSMITHS' BELLLOWS.  
&c., &c., &c.

BEST WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES.

SCREW WRENCHES.  
PLANE IRONS.

CHISELS.

HAMMERS.  
PINCERS.

NIPPERS.  
DIVIDERS.

RULES.

METAL SCISSORS.

METAL SAWS.

TUBE EXPANDERS.

OIL-FEEDERS.

SALTER'S SPRING BALANCE SCALES.

WESTON'S PATENT TACKLES.

PATENT SOCKETS.

DISTRESS SIGNALS.

HOLMES' PATENT SIGNAL LIGHTS.

FOGHORNS.

SIGNAL LAMPS.

LIFE BUOYS.

BOTTLE WASHING AND CORKING  
MACHINES.  
&c., &c., &c.

SPARKLING SCHARZHOFFBERGER.

FLENSBURG STOCKBEER.

MARIENTHALER BEER.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN  
CHAMPAGNE.  
Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [10]

## Intimations.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE VARIETY  
OF  
FRENCH AND ENGLISH TWEEDS.

GENTLEMEN'S SUITINGS

CASHMERE AND ANGOLA NOVELTIES

ALL OF WHICH ARE SHIRUNK READY FOR MAKING UP.  
GENTLEMEN'S FELT HATS (Christie's) the latest shapes.  
WHITE AND COLOURED SHIRTS.  
LINEN COLLARS AND FANCY SCARVES.

GENTLEMEN'S 4 HOSE, in great variety.  
UNDERSHIRTS in Balbriggan, Merino, Cashmere and Lambswool.  
GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES 2 BUTTONS.

UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

DRESS GOODS IN CASHMERE, FANCY WOOL AND OTHER TEXTURES.  
BROCADED GAUZE AND GRENADINES.

CASHMERE EMBROIDERED COSTUMES.  
BROADED JACKETS, CLOTH MANTLES.

RICH BROCADED SILKS.  
COLOURED BROCADED SILKS AND MOIRÉS.

LACES, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, SASHES, LACE FISHUS, COLLARS, &c.  
LADIES' KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, AND 12 BUTTONS.

FANCY JET GOODS in endless variety.  
LADIES' AND GENTS' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING.  
HOSIERY AND CORSETS.

HABERDASHERY, UMBRELLAS, AND SUNSHADES.  
&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1883. [379]

W. B. BREWER.

WILL LAND EX "OCEANIC."

HERBERT Spencer's Works Complete.  
Stanley's Jewish Church.

Grey's Enigmas of Life.  
Grey's Creed of Christendom.

Lecy's History of Morals.  
Warren's Household Physician.

Bryant and Stratton's Book-keeping.  
Lubbock's History of Civilization.

Danc's Manual of Mineralogy.  
National Religion by the Author of Ecce Homo.

KINNEY BRS CIGARETTES; SWEET  
CAPORAL AND OTHER BRANDS.

THE AUTOPHONE! the instrument that all can play and all the newest music of the day.  
THE BEATY "BEETHOVEN" ORGANS with 20 Stops; Manificent Instruments; Very Cheap.

The finest collection of PHOTOGRAPHS ever shown in the East, real works of Art which  
should be early inspected. An entirely new collection of elegantly designed  
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES for permanent and ordinary sized Photos.

The Statuary Panels and other Fine Art Goods. The New Cigar Lighter! Mackinnon Pens!  
Zola's Novels! Reynolds' Novels! Spoopendyke! Popular Medical Books!

W. BREWER,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

THE FOLLOWING MUSIC EX STEAMSHIP

"GLENEAGLES":  
Les Sirenes—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.  
My Queen—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

Le Premier Pas—Polka, by C. Coote Jnr.  
H.M.S. Pinafore—by A. Sullivan.

Ever of Thee—Song, by Foley Hall.  
Also the following ROYAL EDITIONS OF OPERAS, WITH VOCAL AND

PIANOFORTE SCORES, IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN.  
Semiramide—by Rossini.

Don Pasquale—by Donizetti.  
Lucrezia Borgia—by Donizetti.

L'Elisir d'Amore—by Donizetti.  
La Favorita—by Donizetti.

Masaniello—by Verdi.  
Un Ballo in Maschera—by Verdi.

Norma—by Bellini.  
Il Barbiere—by Rossini.

1 Puritani—by Bellini.  
S. MEYERS,  
MANAGER. [28]

Hongkong, 14th February, 1883.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS  
WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c PER YARD USUAL PRICE 25c.

INVISIBLE CHECKED Do.....@ 15c do do 25c.

POMPADOUR DELAINES Do.....@ 20c do do 35c.

ROUGH & READY SERGES Do.....@ 20c do do 30c.

CHECKED MOHAIRS Do.....@ 30c do do 45c.

TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES @ 50c do do 75c.

FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 55c do do 90c.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.25 PER PAIR do \$2.50.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.50 do do \$2.50.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.75 do do \$2.82.

N.B.—JUST OPENED A CASE OF ATKINSON'S SCENTS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1883. [659]

## For Sale.

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON  
AERATED WATERS.  
7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,  
(Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the  
late Mr. E. CHARTERIS

SODA WATER FACTORY  
is now prepared to execute the largest orders  
for every description of Aerated Waters with  
promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.

IS GUARANTEED.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully  
Manufactured

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be ad-  
dressed to The Factory,

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,  
Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [225]

## For Sale.

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS.

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 45, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [434]

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO.

GUNMAKERS & AMMUNITION  
DEALERS.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Arms, Ammunitions, and Regulators of  
every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at  
moderate charges.

Spring Guns and Ammunition always  
on hand. [6]

## Amusements.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW EVENING,  
THE 28TH INSTANT.

THE LAST AND FAREWELL  
APPEARANCE OF THE COMPANY,  
IN HONGKONG.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
SIGNORA LUBICCI  
AND  
SIGNOR CATTANEO.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1.—Romanza 3rd Act Aida.....VERDI.  
SIGNORA LUBICCI.

2.—Grand Duo "Favorita".....DONIZETTI.  
SIGNORA SILINI.

3.—Grand Aria from "Linda".....DONIZETTI.  
SIGNORA BERTOLINI.

4.—Aria from "Barbieri di Siviglia".....ROSSINI.  
SIGNORA SILINI.

5.—Grand Overture to "Carmen".....CATTANEO.

6.—Ballad "Who's at my Win-  
dow".....OSBORNE.  
SIGNORA LUBICCI.

PART II.

7.—Grand Aria Finale of the Opera  
"Le Roi de Lahore".....MASSENET.  
SIGNORA LUBICCI.

8.—Grand Fantasia on the Piano-forte.  
SIGNOR CATTANEO.

9.—Spanish Song, in Costume.  
SIGNORA SILINI.

10.—Romanza "Don Sebastiano".....DONIZETTI.  
SIGNOR CIOCCI.

11.—La Piccirilla from "Salvator".....GOMES.  
SIGNORA BERTOLINI.

12.—Grand Duo "I Pescatori".....GABUCCI.  
SIGNORA LUBICCI AND SIGNOR CIOCCI.

Seats may be booked at Messrs. KELLY &  
WALSH'S, where a Plan of the Theatre is now on  
view.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [157]

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE MEMBERS WILL PERFORM  
BARNETT'S CANTATA  
"THE ANCIENT MARINER,"

IN  
ST. ANDREW'S HALL:  
CITY HALL

ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
THE 7TH MARCH, AT NINE P.M.

Members of the String Band of the Buffs will  
(by kind permission) compose the Orchestra.

TICKETS—(Price \$2 Each) may be obtained at  
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s after 11 A.M.,  
on THURSDAY, March 1st, (and at the Door  
of the Hall on the Night of Performance) where  
a plan of Seats may be seen, and books of the  
words purchased by Ticket Holders at 20 Cents  
per Copy.

R. G. ALFORD,  
Hon. Secretary. [158]

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883.

## Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1883-84.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be  
received by the Undersigned, until NOON,  
on THURSDAY, the 8th proximo, from Persons  
desirous of supplying the following Articles for  
the use of H.M. Navy for the year 1883-84,  
viz.:

BISCUIT.

SOFT BREAD.

FRESH BEEF.

FRESH VEGETA-  
BLES.

FRESH POTATOES.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particu-  
lars can be obtained at the NAVAL STORE-  
KEEPER'S OFFICE.

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## Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.  
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL  
SELECTED STOCK OF  
FANCY CHRISTMAS  
GOODS,COMPRISING—  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS  
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.

CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.

CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.

IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES.

SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S  
PERFUMES.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS,  
AND  
PERFUMERS.THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
ESTABLISHED 1841.

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

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Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

## BIRTH.

On the 8th January, at High-street House, LANCASTER, the wife of Captain Michaelson, 1st Battalion Royal Infantry Fusiliers, of a son.

## DEATH.

On the 13th January, at Burnt Ash-hill, Lee, Kent, NELLIE, youngest daughter of John C. Almond (P. and O. S. N. Co.), aged 20.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1883.

His Honor the Chief Justice, the gentlemen of the long robe, and that wonderful combination of independence, intellect and intelligence—the libel case jury, will no doubt be glad to hear that their estimable friend, DANIEL EDWARD BANDMANN has again been on the war-path, distinguishing himself as of yore. The "pride of the profession," who, it must never be forgotten, made Shakespeare famous and was acquitted of the charge of assaulting poor Mrs. Rousar, has been displaying in Calcutta those wonderful talents and idiosyncrasies which created such a sensation during his Chinese campaign last year. It is an easy step from the dramatic art to the world of literature for such a heaven born genius as "mein dear vren Trompet-blower." Believing with Disraeli that although action may not always bring happiness, yet without action there can be no happiness, the author of "Dragio Bower" is certainly to be complimented for the wonderful energy he displays in everything he undertakes. In the Telegraph libel scandal nobody but a lineal descendant of Shylock would have persevered throughout the law's delays, as the tragedian did, panting for his pound of flesh. And in that instance success crowned his indomitable perseverance and he had reasons for being gloriously triumphant. Mr. BANDMANN has been playing the same game in Calcutta that he scored so heavily with in Hongkong, only with a slightly different result. A few days ago we published some particulars of the tragedian's proceedings in the City of Palaces; we are now in a position to describe the dignified manner in which he bade a last farewell to those palaces and towers, where one short year ago, to use his own expression, he was looked upon as a god.

The *Ente Aile* of January 30th, forwarded to us from Calcutta, by some good natured friend of modern Narcissus, deals with Mr. BANDMANN in a fashion which strongly reminds us of our own police invitation to the tragedian to favor us with a call, and to which the gallant

hero responded by seeking such redress as the law affords. Says our contemporary:—

AFTER a perusal of the scurrilous letter that Herr Bandmann sent, as his parting gift, to the *Statesman*, we have come to the conclusion that whatever other charges may be brought against that talented individual, no one can accuse him of being a gentleman. Herr Bandmann must indeed have lost all his self-respect—if he ever possessed any—when he allowed himself to indite an epistle such as we print below:—

## HERR BANDMANN'S FAREWELL TO THE "STATESMAN."

THE great tragedian took very good care to be some distance down the river on his way to Madras, before the following characteristic epistle was delivered at this office:—

Calcutta, January 29, 1883.  
MORNING—I have read your report in this morning's *Rag*—otherwise called the *Statesman*. It was sent to me by one of your friends. I am not surprised over the Billingsgate infamy. Your TREACHERY all along to me, led me to no other expectations from such a JUDAS as you are. You have been, and are still trying to mislead the public and throw dirt upon my good name, and had I time and did I consider it worth the trouble I should put you in *PALE* as I did your confère in Hongkong, and where such curs like you ought to be.

Publish this letter intact if you have the courage. But you have NOT. You can only stab in the dark like a COWARD.

Yours,

DANIEL EDWARD BANDMANN.

My address is College Hall, Madras.

The italics and capitals represent as faithfully as our types can the underlinings of the above letter. We are only sorry that we cannot publish a fac-simile of it.—*Statesman*.

Such, observes *Ente Aile*, is the parting shaft of the man who boasted that he would close all the rival theatres in Calcutta within a month of his arrival. As Herr Bandmann has left us, we shall not dwell further on the subject, lest we should be accused of stabbing him behind his back. We have had our say while he was here to take legal proceedings, as he often boasted he would do. But for once, Herr Bandmann has exercised discretion, in this respect, and we can afford to treat himself, his threatened legal proceedings and his remarks upon the press with the hearty contempt and unmitigated scorn they deserve. We have no hesitation in saying that Herr Bandmann is a blackguard and we sincerely hope that we have seen the last of him and that he will carry out his threat of never visiting Calcutta again. If he takes our advice he won't, after his miserable failure this season.

To the above remarks we have nothing to add. We promised our readers many months ago that we would justify every word we wrote about BANDMANN last June, that dreadful offence for which a wise judge consigned us to durance vile for two long, weary months. Our mission has already been almost, if not quite fulfilled. And we still wait and watch.

## TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 26th.

## FRENCH POLITICS.

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of Confidence in the Ministry approving of the removal of pretenders from the army.

## WESTMEATH ELECTION.

Mr. Harrington, Secretary to the Land League, has been elected for Westmeath without opposition.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 25th February, were—European 190, Chinese 12,885; total 13,075.

We learn from the Superintendent of the P. and O. S. N. Co. that the *Cathay*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for Hongkong on Saturday, the 24th inst. at 7 a.m.

THE Italian electroplater, Giuseppe Fidone was up again this morning on the charge of stealing jewellery from Beaconsfield House. Prisoner pleaded guilty and said he was sorry for what he had done; however, his being sorry, after the event, did not prevent Mr. Wodehouse sending him to "Hayward's Retreat" for a six months' spell of the usual hard labor.

WE note that the project of the Italian Minister of Public Works for transferring the railways from the State into the hands of private enterprise, that is, to form one large national company, has now been examined by Signor Depretis, who proposes to return to the old conventions, with the modification that two or three companies should be formed, and to them be confided the working of all the railways of the kingdom.

CRICKETING which has been rather at a discount lately, is again beginning to look up. We understand that it is proposed to play a match on Saturday next, March 3rd, between teams representing the Fire Brigade and H. K. C. C. respectively, commencing at 11 a.m. Members desirous of playing for the Club are invited to enter their names in the book kept in the Club ante room. The Hon. Secretary wishes it to be understood that it does not necessarily follow that the first eleven on the list will be selected, and that the Committee hope some of the new men will come forward and put their names down.

THE annual race ball was held in the City Hall last night, and proved a great success from every point of view. There was a fairly large attendance, although hardly up to the usual average, and amongst others we noticed His Excellency the Administrator and Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Willes, General Sargent, C.B., Admiral Meyer, commander-in-chief of the French squadron, the Hon. P. Ryrie, the Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, a large number of naval and military officers, and most of the leading residents. The decorations, which were on a smaller scale than of late years, had a somewhat depressing effect after the elaborate displays at the Masonic and St. Andrew's halls, and they were in good taste, and to our way of thinking, far preferable to a more gaudy style of decorative art. The supper was an excellent one, and the general arrangements of a most satisfactory description. The music was supplied by the band of "The Buffs," under the leadership of Mr. H. Quinn. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until about 3 o'clock this morning.

PUBLISHED statistics show that the herring commerce in Great Britain is a considerable one, the herrings captured annually for our use amounting in Scotland, dealing in round numbers, to 1,015,000,000; Ireland, 108,480; Isle of Man, 10,000,000; Northumberland, 27,180,000; Yorkshire, 450,000,000; other English ports, 10,000,000; making a total of 1,620,660,000 of individual fish. The money value of the various fisheries is estimated at upwards of £14,000,000.

THE false Prophet of Soudan, El Mehdi, is the notorious slave dealer Hadji Zecky, who for the last twenty-five years has devastated the whole of Upper Egypt and the greater part of Barbary and Nubia, and who, notwithstanding the efforts of Sir Samuel Baker to capture him, has always contrived to escape. He is enormously wealthy, those who know him saying he is the richest man in Africa, while in courage and cruelty he can hardly be surpassed. He was formerly a slave, and obtained freedom by killing his master.

A GOOD story comes from Geneva concerning a lady and gentleman who recently arrived there and found all the hotels so full that they ultimately were accommodated with a bath-room turned into a bed-chamber. During the night the husband, wishing to call for a light, pulled a cord attached to the wall, under the impression that he had got hold of the bell-rope. The immediate response was a deluge of cold water. Monsieur and madame yelled for help, bringing out a crowd of guests and waiters in all sorts of light and airy costumes. Later in the night.

MRS. FANNY STARMER, a widow, who recently died at a village in Northamptonshire, at the ripe age of ninety-two, must in the latter days of her life have felt very much of a grandmother when she came to receive birthday gifts from her children and their children's children. The good woman, it seems, had in all one hundred and twelve descendants, viz., four children, thirty-seven grandchildren, thirty-seven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. There is evidently very little fear of the name of Starmar dying out of the land at present.

THE Queen of Great Britain, says an American contemporary, is now sovereign over a continent, 100 peninsulas, 500 promontories, 1,000 lakes, 2,000 rivers, and 10,000 islands. She waves her hand, and 500,000 warriors march to battle to conquer or die. She sends her head, and at the signal 1,000 ships of war and 100,000 sailors perform her bidding on the ocean. She walks upon the earth, and 120,000,000 of human beings feel the slightest pressure of her foot. Come, all ye conquerors, and kneel before the Queen of Britain, and acknowledge the superior extent of her dependent provinces, her subjugated kingdoms, and her vanquished empires! The Assyrian empire was not so populous. The Persian empire was not so powerful. The Carthaginian empire was not so much dreaded. The Spanish empire was not so widely diffused.

SNAKE charming as a pastime is not so generally popular as lawn tennis or cricket; though it certainly is a trifle less dangerous than football as played in some countries. In India snake charming is very fashionable, and many professors of the art are wonderfully clever. Occasionally an amateur tries his hand. This occurred the other day at Puddoosookur. In that charmingly-named village a large-sized cobra was discovered in a shop. The natives were about to destroy it when a villager named Ghose (not goose) came on the scene and undertook to charm it. He had managed to get hold of the reptile's head and tail after the manner of snake-charmers, and was in the act of stowing it away in an earthen vessel, when the snake turned round and bit him in the thumb. Then the man dropped the wriggler, and began to swear in choice Hindoo. This, however, did not help him, for in the space of an hour and a half, he was as dead as one of the Pharaohs. Snake-charming, like many other things, requires experience.

OSCAR WILDE has the proud privilege of knowing that his name will be handed down to posterity. The record certainly will not go down to future ages in connection with any noble deeds, but simply as appertaining to a bed quilt! We learn that all the rage in America at the present time is for the "Oscar crazy quilt." The quilt gains its name from the pattern worked upon it. The method of construction is as follows:—On a piece of cambric half a yard square, there is basted in the centre a sunflower, made of either yellow, broadcloth, silk, or velvet, or a pail, a daisy, or pansy of one of the same materials. The square is then filled in with bits of silk and velvet of all colours arranged hither and thither in a sort of artistic confusion of colours. "The bits are of irregular pattern—squares, triangles, jagged, and jagged. When these have all been fixed up, the squares are taken and sewn together with strips of velvet." So great is the rage for these things that New York young ladies do nothing but work Oscar Wilde quilts. The apostle of aestheticism is a proud and a happy man.

THE usually monotonous proceedings of the York Board of Guardians were enlivened the other day by a little exchange of compliments between two of the members, and if we may judge by the printed reports the meeting must have been thoroughly enjoyable for those present. A certain Mr. Wilson, having made a statement in reference to the overreaches he was called upon by Mr. Ernest to substantiate it. Thereupon Mr. Wilson spoke as follows:—"I tell you what, Mr. Ernest, I've had a good deal of your 'imprimatur' this morning, but I can tell you plain that if you do it outside you'll find yourself in the wrong box. I'm not going to allow him to cheat me here, and therefore the sooner he gives it up the better. If he does it outside, mark you, I shall mark him at once." Then spoke Mr. Ernest:—"I shall not. Mr. Chairman ask for your protection, and if I saw Mr. Wilson attempting to make a blackguard of himself, I should very soon walk away from his presence." After this speech, we were told "the subject dropped," and most people agree that it did not cease a moment too soon. Such oratory is contagious.

HENRY RANDALL, seaman of the British barque *Sir Wm. Wallace*, was charged before Capt. Thomsett this morning with assaulting the second mate of the ship with a belaying pin, on the high seas. The second mate, it appears, was trying to take a broom from a man named Harper, when Randall interfered and a fight ensued. Randall said he took the belaying pin to defend himself with, and after evidence was heard on both sides the case was dismissed.

HOME papers give particulars for an application which was made to the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland and Mr. Justice Lawson for a *mandamus* to compel Mr. O'Donel, Chief Police Magistrate, to hear evidence showing that the seditious libel in *United Ireland*, for which Mr. O'Brien was prosecuted, was true. The Chief Justice said that it would be anomalous and unreasonable to direct the magistrate to hear evidence which would be inadmissible at the trial. Mr. Justice Lawson said that the court was gravely asked for a *mandamus* requiring the magistrates to receive evidence to prove that it was for the public benefit that a libel should be published with the intention of bringing the Government and the administration of the law into hatred and contempt. A more unfounded application had never been made to any court of justice.

SAYS the *Sportsman*:—"The rap over the knuckles administered to the proprietors of the Criterion Restaurant at the Middlesex Licensing Sessions will not be without good effect in other quarters. Before the license was renewed the applicant had to sign the following agreement:—'That all well-behaved non-commissioned officers of her Majesty's army shall be admitted during licensed hours to any part of the building which is open to the rest of the public, and if in consequence of circumstances peculiar to the Criterion it is found inconvenient to accommodate private soldiers at the bar or buffet they shall be served with refreshments in other parts of the building.' Why it should be found 'inconvenient' to serve soldiers bearing her Majesty's uniform we quite fail to see. The fact of putting on the scarlet coat assuredly should not be a bar to a man getting something to drink when he is thirsty. It is, in fact, of snubbing which tends to make the service hateful to well-conducted and respectable men. When we require our soldiers to fight we cheer them and treat them as heroes. When they come home again we publicly snub them as though they were sewer scrapers—and begrudge them their glass of bitter. And yet we expect the rising generation to flock to the standard! What hypocrites we are."

THE eldest son of the Claimant has written the following letter to the Home Secretary:—"Bedford Hotel, Portsmouth, Jan. 3, 1883.—Right Hon. Sir,—I have just seen my father, who is 54 years old to-day. He looks very well, and, considering his position, is better than I expected to find him. He has now been in prison nearly nine years, and to-day is the first time I have seen him since his conviction. I cannot express in words my gratitude for allowing my brother and myself the great favour of seeing my dear father again, and I do sincerely hope that as he has already suffered so much in convict prisons you will use your influence to grant his early discharge, especially as I and my brother and two sisters need a father's attention and advice. Awaiting your reply, I am, yours truly, R. C. D. Tichborne.—The Right Hon. Sir William V. Hartcourt, M.P., her Majesty's Secretary for the Home Department." The following reply has been received:—"Whitehall, 10th January, 1883.—Sir,—The Secretary of State for the Home Department having carefully considered your application in behalf of Thomas Castro or Arthur Orton, I am directed to express to you his regret that he is unable to discover any sufficient grounds to justify him consistently with his public duty in advising her Majesty to interfere in this case.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. F. O. Liddell.—Mr. R. C. D. Tichborne, Bedford Hotel, Landport, Portsmouth."

THE *Army and Navy Gazette* says:—"The Admiralty have this week been requested by a Naval officer to remove his name from the Retired List of the Royal Navy, on the ground that, now that espionage has been introduced under Admiralty patronage, it is no longer an honour for a gentleman to be in any way associated with the service. It appears that this officer was once severely reprimanded for having forwarded a letter to his Commander-in-Chief which his own commanding officer had declined to forward, and that the Admiralty further visited his displeasure upon this officer for having thus brought about the exposure of the fact that his commanding officer had falsified certain public documents, this necessitating his being suspended, in the command of the ship. The Admiralty ordered the junior home, muting him in pay, allowances, and full-pay leave on his arrival in England. Their Lordships informed him that this was done because they were highly displeased with his conduct in forcing them to censure his commanding officer. Now that the Admiralty have promoted Corporal Hadden for sending them an anonymous letter instead of making a straightforward report, the officer in question, in requesting the Admiralty to remove his name from the retired List of his rank, remarks, after pointing out that two of the present Lords were at the Admiralty when the decision in his case was arrived at, that he does not for a moment suppose their Lordships would then have urged that anonymous letters, sent in a manner entirely at variance with the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, constituted a better means of reporting a commanding officer of one more in consonance with their own views, and the traditions of the Navy, than the course he adopted, namely, the one laid down in the Queen's Regulations. Then there are the cases of Captain Rising, Lieutenant Noel, and a host of others, which have evidently been wrongly adjudicated upon, if their Lordships' decision in the *Clyde* case is right, and even if that is wrong, it does not follow that the decision arrived at by the Admiralty in the other cases is a just one."

THE stinging tree of Queensland, Australia, is a shrub growing from two inches to fifteen feet in height, and though pleasant to the eye, it emits a disagreeable smell, and causes excruciating pain for months to any one who is unfortunate enough to be stung by it. There is no mark, but the part affected is tender in rainy weather, or when wetted. Dogs and horses have sometimes to be shot after being stung by it.

A SERVANT named Sin Achi, in the employment of Dr. Marques, was charged before Capt. Thomsett this morning with obtaining money under false pretences from the Government Civil Hospital compounder. It appears the wily Celestial prevailed on Mr. U. da Silva, steward at the Hospital, to write him orders for sums of money on different occasions, representing that they were for the purpose of paying the shopman, and with Dr. Marques' consent. This Dr. Marques said was not the case, and the prisoner admitted having no authority to obtain the money. Captain Thomsett did not look with favorable eyes on Sin Achi's method of raising the wind, consequently the servant has retired into private life for the space of six weeks.

THE Varna correspondent of the *Daily News* wires on the 18th ult. as follows:—"The mail from Constantinople reports that a serious quarrel occurred on Saturday evening at the Palace between the Albanians of the Body Guard and the Yemen Regiment of Arab negroes. It seems that a feud had long existed between the commandants of these battalions in which their men took part with extreme bitterness. Hitherto this had been confined to wordy bickerings, but at length a trifling provocation, an outbreak, the real and immediate origin of which is said, however, to have been traced to the house of certain women of ill-fame. Be this as it may, an Albanian soldier was about to light a cigarette from a lantern, when an Arab on sentry cried 'Yasak' (forbidden). The Albanian ridiculed the order, and proceeded to use the lantern, when the negro ran at him with his bayonet. The Albanian instantly drew his weapon, comrades rushed up on both sides and a fight began, which threatened to assume very large proportions. The Sultan was at once informed, and Osman Pacha was sent with troops to the spot, and reinforcements were called up by night signals from Pera and Besiklik. They succeeded in separating the combatants, but not until some thirty had been killed and wounded. Efforts are being made to represent the matter as a mere broiled dispute, in which three men were slightly injured, but the facts, as I believe, as I state them. I am informed that the Sultan was much alarmed, and that the shrieks of the ladies of the Palace were heard at the adjacent village. The importance of the affair lies in the evidence it affords of the national hatreds and jealousies which the bonds of a common religion cannot allay even at a time when Islam is straining its eyes for the appearance of the New Prophet. This occurrence has increased the uneasiness at Yildiz Kiosk, where further extraordinary precautions had already been adopted, amongst others that of brilliantly illuminating by gas the whole of the extensive Palace grounds, a measure which has almost deprived Pera of its street lighting, to the intense gratification of the criminal classes."

## MEETING OF THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

A meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company was held to-day at 12.30 at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., when there were present:—Mr. F. B. Johnson, (Chairman), Messrs. Bottomley, Reiners, Jackson, J. H. dos Remedios (consulting committee), Wickings, Polishwalla, Tata, D. Ruttonjee, A. Coxon, Dr. Adams, G. C. Cox, and E. F. Alford, Secretary. After the notice convening the meeting had been read by the secretary, Mr. Johnson said:—"Gentlemen, in laying on the table the report of the year's management and consulting committee, I have little to say beyond what is therein contained. The Company has had great immunity from loss in the past, and has been exceptionally fortunate; however, we cannot reasonably expect the business to go on without incurring a fair share of losses. The business done in 1882 was \$400,000 more than in 1881; but with the increase of business came increase of risk and increased liability. The dividend this year per share was \$5, being \$5 more than last year's dividend. Up to the present time the only loss the Company has sustained this year is a loss in Shanghai of \$495. As the shareholders would notice, the report alludes to a depreciation on property held by the Company, which had been provided for by placing the sum of \$20,000 to debit of Reserve fund to meet any possible loss. The property had been valued at a very low rate, and the consulting committee were of opinion that the ultimate loss would not be so much as was at first anticipated. Before putting the report and balance sheet to the meeting, the Chairman invited the shareholders to ask any questions, which he would be glad to answer."

No questions being put, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Bottomley that the printed report and balance sheet be adopted and passed. The proposition was carried unanimously. Mr. Wickings proposed, and Mr. Coxon seconded, that the members of the consulting committee be re-elected, and this proposition was also carried. Mr. Tata proposed, and Dr. Adams seconded, that Messrs. A. Coxon, and G. C. Cox, be re-elected as auditors, which was carried. The Chairman, then said:—"Before separating, I desire to bring to your notice a suggestion which appeared anonymously in the local press relating to the affairs of the Company. The writer first showed that the shares which were originally worth \$20 per share, were now worth \$10, and afterwards argued that many would be participating in the profits of the company by the extent of the value of the shares. The suggestion that the shares be divided into four had been favorably viewed by the consulting committee, and he would like to take the sense of the meeting on the matter, so that the general managers could take steps at an early date and bring it before the shareholders at an extraordinary meeting. He would be very glad to hear what any shareholder had to say on this question. Mr. Adams said he did not feel qualified to give advice to the general managers and consulting committee, but felt sure that the idea shadowed forth by the Chairman would meet with the consent and support of the shareholders, and also that the outside public would endorse their doing as had been suggested. After Dr. Adams resumed the seat the Chairman said:—"Gentlemen, that concludes the formal business of this meeting."

## MEETING OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A numerously attended meeting of the shareholders in the above named Corporation was held this afternoon at the City Hall to receive the thirty-fifth report of the Court of Directors.

After Mr. Jackson had read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. Dalrymple, the Chairman of the Court of Directors, said:—

Gentlemen,—The Report we have presented to you, together with the statement of accounts attached, evidence the highly satisfactory position of the Bank, and in meeting you to-day the Directors can only express the very great pleasure it affords them to come before you with such a solid record of prosperity.

The result as regards the past half year in particular is, in the annals of this institution unprecedented, and the continued confidence which the public entertain in the Bank is proved by the marked increase in the deposits which have now reached the very considerable total of forty and a half millions of dollars. The growth of the general business of the Bank is steadily progressive as shown by the figures under the head of Bills discounted, and the sum of the Shareholders, as set forth by the amount at the Credit of Profit and Loss account, must be looked upon as very gratifying.

We have at length arrived at what was the goal of our ambition in the accumulating of our Reserve Fund to the handsome figure of 25 lakhs of dollars, and your Directors take this opportunity to congratulate the Proprietors on the substantial position such a fund places them in before the Banking and Mercantile world.

I will now allude as briefly as possible to one or two special matters connected with the Bank which I think it well to touch upon at this date.

Firstly, then, we would whilst reviewing the figures in the statement of accounts refer to the item under the head of Government Securities. You may remember that at this time, two years ago allusion was made to the intention of the Court to gradually invest some \$250,000 in Government Stocks. At the end of 1880, the sum appearing under this head in the accounts amounted to about \$125,000, whilst you will notice that this amount now figures for \$650,000, thus the decision arrived at two years ago has been carried into effect. I have already alluded to the items under the head of Bills Discounted and Receivable, and may now pass on to the amount standing against Bank Premises. At this date last year this amount stood at \$475,000, and you now see the sum increased to \$547,000; this is explained by the purchase of the St. John's Place property here as residences for your chief and sub-managers, both of which came into the market, and were acquired at a very moderate outlay.

At the half yearly meeting in August last, I informed you that the Directors were contemplating the rebuilding of the present Banking Premises, and I am now able to tell you that plans and tenders have been received and that the building will shortly be commenced. From the drawings and estimates which have been sent in the Directors have, after long and very careful consideration and consultation, selected one design which will in their opinion meet the wants of the institution for many years to come, and I may here mention that the total cost of the building will amount to some three lakhs of dollars. The outlay is of course a heavy one, but looking to the future and to the increasing business of the Bank we feel sure that the Shareholders will agree with us that the time had arrived for the carrying out of an undertaking which must, sooner or later, have become an absolute necessity.

To meet this expenditure for the erection of new premises, the building of which will extend over probably two and half years, the Directors hope to set aside from time to time some portion of the profits so that when completed the amount at the date of the completion of the present sum. We have already commenced this provision by writing off, under this head, on the 31st December last, the sum of \$60,000, and your Directors have every confidence that their action herein will meet with your approval. Coming now to the Profit and Loss account, the first matter for notice is the augmentation of the Reserve Fund, by writing off to this account \$150,000 out of the profits of the half year.

Another very important step in the opinion of the Court is the creation of a Special Fund for the equalization of future dividends. The Directors are all agreed upon the very decided importance of such a provision in view of the increased capital which during the current year will have been subscribed, and we trust that you will concur in this view when I come to propose the adoption of the Report and accounts.

Having now reviewed the various items connected with the distribution of the profits of the half year, I have, but one other matter to bring forward, and that in connection with the attainment of the object of our endeavours—the accumulation to reserve fund of \$5,500,000.

Your Directors have much pleasure in recognition of the general ability and zeal of the Bank's employees, in voting them a bonus of ten per cent. on their salaries for 1882. The occasion appears a fitting one in this case, as we speak of "jubilee year," and I feel sure that not a shareholder of the Bank will not most heartily endorse the vote of the Court of Directors.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I have only to say that the affairs of the Bank are, in every way satisfactory, and that I think we may with good reason look forward hopefully to a continuance of prosperity in the year now entered upon, and which I am pleased to state has commenced well.

I shall be happy to answer any question which any Shareholder may have to put in connection with the business of the Bank."

No question being put the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. Mr. W. H. Ray seconded.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. Reiners proposed, and Mr. Edmund Sharp seconded, that the retiring Directors be re-elected, which was also carried.

On the proposal of Mr. F. D. Sassoon, seconded by Mr. G. C. Cox, the retiring auditors were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. J. H. Nelson, at great length proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors, Chief Manager, and Officers of the Bank for the "extraordinary manner in which they have conducted the business of the Bank."

Mr. Adams seconded.

The proposition was carried amidst applause. Mr. Dalrymple, who had spoken of the Bank of Directors, and Mr. Jackson, who had spoken of the Shareholders, both of whom were present, said:—"Thank you very much for your kind expressions, and I am very glad to hear that you are all well and happy."







